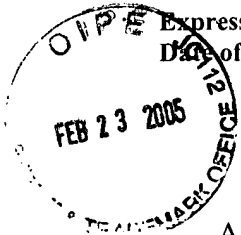


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 6, 2004 FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This paper is in response to the October 6, 2004 Final Office Action. Applicants are filing this Amendment and Response including a petition for a two-month extension of time with the appropriate fee, making the date of response due on or before March 6, 2005. Applicants also enclose herewith a Notice of Appeal and the required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b). Applicants believe no other fees are due with this submission. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 26448-510.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** are shown starting on page 3 of this paper.